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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: GENERAL SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
ROUND III TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 83

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1. REFTEL IS GENERAL SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF ROUND III
THROUGH JULY 14. THIS IS UPDATE THROUGH JULY 28. SECTIONS
NOTED BELOW ARE THOSE OF RETEL.

2. SECTION V, ITEM2: SOVIET PROPOSAL OF JULY 24 WOULD
LOWER THE GENRAL YIELD LIMIT ON INDIVIDUAL EXCAVATION
EXPLOSIONS FROM 500 KT TO 150. KT. THEY COUPLE THIS WITH
A PROPOSAL FOR A "LIMITED NUMBER" OF EXCEPTIONS ABOVE THIS
LIMIT. ITEMS 7 AND 8: SOVIETS ALSO PROPOSED THAT
AGGREGATE YIELD LIMIT FOR GROUPS OF CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION
EXPLOSIONS COULD BE 2 MT RATHER THAN 3 MT AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.
ITEM 12. SOVIETS CLARIFIED YIELD THRESHOLD ABOVE WHICH
OBSERVERS COULD BE PRESENT BY INVITATION OF HOST PARTY,
SAYING "NEAR" MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL YIELD LIMIT COULD BE
"ABOVE ABOUT 100 KT." FOR ANY INDIVIUAL EXPLOSIONS OVER
150 KT, OBSERVER RIGHTS WOULD BE AUTOMATIC.

3. IN ADDITION TO ITEMS IN PARA2, SOVIETS DESCRIBED
"DISCRETE" METHOD SIMILAR TO SLIFER AND PAID THAT EITHER
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FORM OF INSTRUMENT COULD BE USED FOR MEASURING YIELDS OF

INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS IN GROUPS. THEY HAVE RESTATED CATEGORIC POSITION THAT SUCH INSTRUMENTATION SKHOULD BE FABRICATED, INSTALLED AND OPREATED BY HOST PARTY. THEY HAVE NOT REFERRED FURTHER TO SUB-SURFACE GROUND MOTION GAUGES IN RECENT STATEMENTS REGARDING THIS TYPE OF MEASUREMENT.

4. SECTION XI, AND FOURTH AND FIFTH PARAS: CONCERNING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE, EXPERTS GROUP VI FINAL REPORT (MOSCOW 9957) SUMMARIZES AGREED ITEMS AND LISTS THOSE DEFERRED TO DISCUSSIONS ON OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS.

5. SECTION XII, FIRST PARA: ACCORDING TO LATEST SOVIET PROPOSAL CLARIFYING THEIR VIEW OF OBSERVER RIGHTS BELOW AGREED THRESHOLD, HOST PARTY WOULD ISSUE INVITATION FOR YIELDS ABOVE ABOUT 100 KT. (SEE 2, ABOVE).

6. SECTION XII, FOURTH PARA: US SIDE MADE ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS ON OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS AS THEY APPLY TO OTHER TECHNICAL VERIFICATION METHODS IN JULY 15 AND 17 PLENARIES.

7. SECTION XIII: JULY 22 STATEMENT BY IZRAEL DETAILED RELEASE AND PROPAGATION OF RADIOACTIVITY FROM UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS AND DESCRIBED SIX MEASURES TO LIMIT AMOUNT OF RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS OUTSIDE HOST COUNTRY. HE CONCLUDED THAT THROUGH PRUDENT USE OF LIMITING MEASURES IT IS POSSIBLE "FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES" TO CARRY OUT EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS SO AS TO "PREVERVE" THE PROVISIONS OF THE LTBT. HE SAID THAT LEVELS OF RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS PLACED OUTSIDE NATIONAL BORDERS WOULD BE TOLERABLE BASED ON HEALTH STANDARDS.

8. SECTION XV: DELEGATION RECEIVED DRAFT OF PROTOCOL I IN STATE 170365 AND FORWARDED COMMENTS IN MOSCOW 10111. DELEGATION REDRAFT INCORPORATING AGREED INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORWARDED MOSCOW 10478.

9. ON JULY 28, SIDES AGREED TO RECESS UNTIL ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1. US SIDE SIDE SAID WE WOULD ANALYZE RECENT SOVIET
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INITIATIVES (REPORTED MOSCOW 10355) AND RETURN TO NEXT ROUND EXPECTING TO TABLE DRAFT AGREEMENT.
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